



CALENDER OF EVENTS

November	1	Certified Guiding Lion Training, Brenham, TX
November	5	PSC Meeting
December	1	Lighthouse Shopping Trip
December	3	PSC Meeting
January	7	PSC Meeting
January	31	Mid-Winter Conference

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Thoughts from the DG

An economy in shambles, national elections, debris removal and hurricane recovery seem to be those “things” that everyone has their attention drawn to currently.

Lions in 2-S2, however, are still active, working and having impact. Lions across our District have identified and provided assistance to sixty-six adults and sixty-three children who were victims of Hurricane Ike. This was possible because Lions Clubs International Foundation made available an emergency grant of \$10,000.00. And, our own Texas Lions Foundation awarded a grant of \$ 2,000.00. Our Lions “leapt to action” and started serving those in need. In fact, we were depleting the funds so rapidly that I felt compelled to ask LCIF if they could help further ... and they did. A second grant of ten thousand dollars was deposited into our Disaster Relief account just this week.

Thank you, Lions Clubs International Foundation. We do have a requirement report to LCIF how those funds are spent (including receipts), and to return unused funds, not later than November 23, 2008. We’ve not spent all the funds provided, so if you know of victims of Hurricane Ike still with needs, contact me so that we can arrange to address those promptly.

It is my great privilege to have opportunity to serve our District. Thank you all for your energy, your support, and your commitment to make a difference to those in need.

Lion Barron Cagle District Governor

Photos of Recenter Hurricane Victims recieving help from some of our Lions



Thoughts from the Vice District Governor:

I would normally start this article with another month, another trip. While it is true that Lion Sandy and I did travel last month (to the USA/Canada Forum), it was with a heavy heart. Our flight left the Monday after our visit from Ike. He was a nice (??) Hurricane. He took a few shingles from our house, but left behind a new water fall in our bedroom (I still can't find the on off switch) and some firewood for winter. I count ourselves fortunate, considering what I saw in the rest of our subdivision and from I saw on TV. But, our house was left in good hands. Our daughter and granddaughter stayed in our house because they didn't have water or electric. It worked out OK.

While we were in Saskatoon, we were able to help untangle the confusion in LCI about the various "S" Districts in Texas. After some lengthy discussions, LCI finally sent the first Emergency grant to **our** District. This grant has been used to help many families through the aftermath of Ike. As Lions, you should be proud of yourselves and the things you have accomplished as "**Every Day Heros**". Please continue to do the great deeds that will help many families start the rebuilding process.

I look forward to working with all Lions in **our** District in the coming year to accomplish the many things we know we can do.

Vice District Governor Charles "Chuck" Martin

Welcome New Lions

BAYTOWN LIONS CLUB

Wallace Vosloh sponsored by Lion Gary Ratliff

CONROE NOON LIONS CLUB

Katie Kelly sponsored by Lion Peter Kelly

CUT 'N SHOOT LIONS CLUB

Tabatha Phillips sponsored by Lion Eddie Thatcher

HOUSTON COPPERFIELD LIONS CLUB

Seth Roberts sponsored by Lion David Paulson

HOUSTON SPORTS LIONS CLUB

Martha Guerra sponsored by Lion Steve Hand

HUMBLE LIONS CLUB

Sidnomusinde Serge Coefe sponsored by Lion Loretta Darden

HUFFMAN LIONS CLUB

Gordon Parker sponsored by PDG Bud McCune

HUNTSVILLE LIONS CLUB

Monica Lee sponsored by Lion Larry Graves

Deborah Nea sponsored by Lion Larry Graves

Jason Pierce sponsored by Lion Marvin Hyvl

LAKE CONROE LIONS CLUB

Yolanda Lara sponsored by Lion Dawn Gibbs

TOMBALL LIONS CLUB

Michael Bradfield sponsored y Lion David McClinton Jr



To all our new Lions, WELCOME and to their sponsors, THANKS A MILLION!

Around The District

The Crosby Lions Club held a Peace Poster Contest in two local schools and held a raffle for a 6000-watt generator. These Lions hosted an Open House through the Chamber of Commerce.

The Cut & Shoot Family Lions all faired well during IKE and they hope their fellow Lions did, too. Their Club has been helping their neighbors recover from the storm. Their Fall Auction is just around the corner, in fact it's October 26th, 12 noon at the Cut & Shoot Park, located on Hwy 105 East, from Conroe that's about 6 miles out, going toward Cleveland. We will be setting up on the 25th, so if anyone has any junk, that needs to be turned into treasures, the auction is the place to be. Buyers are needed, too, so come out early to brose around and stay for the buying at noon.

On October 30th, these Lions are hosting a Lions Pride Night for prospective new Lions. Three of their Lions attended the USA/Canada Forum in September, PDG Harry Goetzman and Lions Mary Ann Larkin and Betty Goetzman. They really enjoyed the trip and brought back lots of good information that was shared with the Club. They're already making plans to attend next year.

Lions Clubs International has awarded Houston Downtown Lions PP Dr. Ralph Herring and Lion Morris Rubin 25-Year Monarch Chevrons for their years of service to Lionism. Congratulations to each of them for their contributions over these years. This Club is busy making plans for their 69th Annual Tom Shaw Sportsman Awards Presentation for high school and middle school students which will be held on December 9th.

On October 25th, the Houston Northwest Lions Club will have a booth and game for children of Yahweh Mission Fund Raiser. This Club hosted a Golf Tournament, on Monday, October 6th at the Pine Crest Golf Club.

Activities for this month for the Houston Westbury Lions Club included community service by participating in the Jerry Lewis Telethon. Their members answered the phones as they have done for the last several years. For fund raising, Lion Seth Harwood and Lion Hal Weinstein each obtained grants for \$1000 from Wal Mart.. So far this club year, this Club has added five new members! One has already been inducted and the others will be inducted in October at a special dinner. Their newest pride and joy project is that these Lions are working on establishing a new Leo Club at Welch Middle School.

It's festival time again for the Huffman Lions Club. Events, time and dates are as follows:

October 25th - May Community Center Fall Festival 10am until 3pm

November 8th - Fun Festival at Jack Spence Stadium 9am until 4pm

(Recruit members and sale funnel cakes)

Nov. 15th - Road Block on the corner of FM2100 and FM1960 8:30am until 11:30am

December 5th & 6th- May Community Christmas Open House 6:30pm until 9pm

December 11th - Club Christmas Party at the May Community Center 7pm - ???

December 13th- May Community Christmas Open House 6:30pm until 9pm

March 11th - Community Garage Sale at Jack Spence Stadium

April 5th- 4th Annual Lions' Easter egg hunt (site pending)

These Lions will be selling raffle tickets for a \$300 gas card. They are, also, working on a date and time for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. (some time early in 2009). This Club gives a very special thank you to Lion Mark Rudolph and the students of Huffman High School for their hard work in cleaning up the Heritage Cemetery. Hurricane Ike caused major damage to the cemetery and Lion Mark along with HHS students have totally cleared the grounds.

Spring Houston Lions Larry & Brenda Meuth and Mark & Gail Swaney donated checks of \$250. each as sponsors of the Humble Lions Club bike ride for the coming year.

We know there are club who had more to tell many, many hours of support and help by 2-S2 Lions that have not been reported to us, and hundreds of pairs of glasses that have been recycled/collected that we have not been told about.

Mid – Winter Conference

January 31, 2009

Tracy Gee Community Center

3955 Westcenter

(Sam Houston Tollway west and Westpark)

District Youth Contest to be held immediately after Conference

**Outstanding Youth
Diabetic Essay
Drug Awareness Speech**

IMPORTANT NEWS

There will be several Proposed Amendments to the District 2-S2 Constitution and By-Laws to be voted upon at the District Convention in May.

You may view the Proposed Amendments on the District Website www.lins2s2.org look under the News.



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WE SERVE

District 2-S2 reported

Eye exams and eye glasses donated: 72

Campbell Soup Labels: 22

Used eyeglasses collected: 127

Total Hours given towards Lionism: 436

Lion Mark Roth

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Houston Heights Lions

For

TLC Director 2009-2011

Visit One of the Web Sites

www.lions2s2.org

www.texaslions.org

www.usacanadalionsforum.org

www.lionsclubs.org

Local Lion Attends International Leadership Training

Lion Glen Starr of the Conroe Noon Lions Club was one of 94 Lions selected from over 400,000 Lions in North America to attend the Senior Lions Leadership Institute held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada October 2-6, 2008. Attendees came from 22 states in the U.S., 7 provinces in Canada, Trinidad-Tobago, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda. The Senior Lions Leadership Institute provides Lion leaders with advanced leadership skills and management concepts in preparation for higher levels of leadership within the organization.

“Lion Glen was recommended for this institute by Past International Director Lion Don Buckalew of the Conroe Noon Lions Club and endorsed by current International Director Lion Beverly Stebbins of Arlington, in addition to being endorsed by Lions District 2-S2 leadership,” said District 2-S2 Governor Lion Barron Cagle. “Graduates of the institute are expected to pursue higher levels of leadership and we expect Lion Glen to be elected in the spring as our next Vice District Governor in District 2-S2 for 2009-2010 with advancement to District Governor in 2010-2011.”

Lions District 2-S2 is one of 16 districts in the state of Texas for Lions Clubs International. District 2-S2 includes Harris, Chambers, Montgomery, Waller, Liberty, and Walker counties and has over 1700 Lions members.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest non-governmental service organization, with over 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic regions who volunteer their time and energy to serve their communities and lead the world wide effort in sight conservation.

2008-2009 Announced Candidates

2009-2010 District Governor	Charles “Chuck” Martin Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
2009-2010 First Vice District Governor	Glen Starr Conroe Noon Lions Club
2009-2010 Second Vice District Governor	Richard “Rick” Reynolds Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club
2009-2011 Director Texas Lions Camp	Mark Roth Houston Heights Lions Club
2009-2011 Director Lions Eye Bank of Texas	
2009-2011 Director Lighthouse of Houston	
2009-2012 Director Humanitarian Relief Fund	
2011-2012 MD-2 Texas Council Chairman	Margate Badeaux Houston Spring Branch Lions Club
	Barron W. Cagle Houston East End Lions Club
	Harry Goetzman Cut and Shoot Family Lions Club

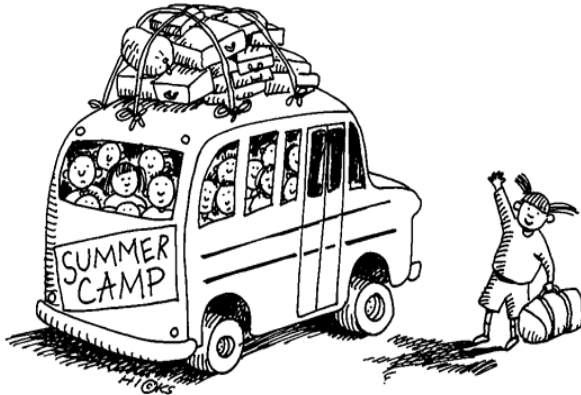
Another Year of Service to the Texas Lions Camp.....

Summer is over and we have completed another successful year at the Texas Lions Camp. District 2-S2 sponsored a total of 178 campers, 94 diabetic and 84 handicapped children.

Following is a breakdown by clubs in our District:

	Diabetic	Handicapped	Total
Anahuac	1		1
Baytown	5	7	12
Bear Creek Area	1	1	2
Bellaire	2	1	3
Cleveland		1	1
Conroe Noon	5	7	12
Cut and Shoot Family		1	1
Deer Park		1	1
Hempstead		1	1
Houston Cy-Fair	7	5	12
Houston Downtown		11	11
Houston East End	1	4	5
Houston Heights	4		4
Houston Hobby Airport		1	1
Houston Memorial	1	6	7
Houston Oak Forest		1	1
Houston Southwest	1	6	7
Houston Space City	1		1
Houston Sports	3	10	13
Houston Spring Branch	16	4	20
Houston Westbury	2	1	3
Huffman	2	3	5
Humble	3	1	4
Humble Noon	3		3
Huntsville	5		5
Katy	4	2	6
Klein	3		3
Liberty	1	1	2
Magnolia	3	1	4
New Waverly	1		1
Pasadena	3		3
Spring Old Town	8	4	12
The Woodlands	3	1	4
Tomball	3		3
Waller	2	1	3
Willis		1	1
TOTAL	94	84	178

Thank you one and all for participating by finding campers.
 You made a lot of kids happy by supporting the Texas Lions Camp both monetarily
 and by sponsoring campers.



WE CAN PUT THE CAMPER BUS AWAY FOR ANOTHER YEAR.....

District 2-S2 completed another successful year of transporting children to camp, thanks to the Lions and others who pitched in to get them there safely. We made a total of four round-trips to camp, taking and bringing back those campers from our District who “needed a ride”.

The Camper Transportation Committee wishes to thank those very, very special people who stepped up to help load the kids, the luggage, the wheelchairs, the walkers, the special equipment and lunches to make the kids’ trip to camp and back a reality.

First, to Russell “Rusty” Roberts, Executive Director of the Lions Eye Bank, a BIG thanks for driving the bus for free and getting us a special rate from his bus company.

To Darleane Warren, Community Relations Coordinator at the Lions Eye Bank, for loading luggage, and all the other things required and going along to help with the kids.

To those other employees from the Eye Bank who Rusty bribed to come along on the trip to help.

To Lion Jim Graves and his daughter, Lion Debbie, of the New Waverly Lions who were at the bus stop without fail for both trips. New Waverly is a long way from Memorial City Mall, our departure point, so they both had to leave New Waverly very, very early in the morning (how does 3 am sound?) and arrive home late at night to help us out.

To Lion Winnie Baul, Houston Space City Lions, who did our lice check for both trips. To the other Houston Space City Lions, George Malone, Margie Perkins, Larry Snyder and family for being there to help.

To the Houston Memorial Lion, Pat Macken, who drafted and paid his contractor, Tim Henson, to come along with us to help. We would not have made it without Pat or Tim’s his strong arms.

To Lion Mark Roth of the Houston Heights Lions Club, who pitched in and helped in spite of his new job.

To Lions Ron, Terry and Donald Landers, Bill Alexander and Archie Heugatter with the Houston Spring Branch Lions who met the bus on Saturdays to unload the luggage and make sure the right kids left with the right parents.

And most of all, to Lion Betty Ezell, Houston Spring Branch Lions, who helped with all the paperwork and made every trip, and who has been doing so since 1997 (11 years).

Without all of these dedicated Lions and Friends, our Camper Bus would not be a reality. You all make this

This was a speech given by a Texas Lions Camp Counselor, August 2, 2008 in Kerrville, Texas.

Hello. My name is Patricia Rodriguez. I am a junior at the University of Texas and this is my second summer working at Texas Lions Camp. I am very honored and excited to be here today to tell you some things you may not know about Texas Lions Camp. You already know that TLC is a summer camp for children ages 7-16 with physical handicaps and diabetes. You already know that we offer this summer service free of charge to the families of our campers. You also already know that we are funded through the hard work and fundraising service of dedicated Lions Clubs around Texas, like you and your families. You may not know that, every morning, all the campers meet at the flagpole and they get their counselors dirty as a reward for cleaning their cabin the best.

You may not know that we have themes every week that have the kids dressed up as aliens, nerds, ghosts and everything in between. You also may not know that we have a campfire every night, when counselors and administrators come to talk to the campers about self-respect, always giving everything your best, and believing in one's self.

All of these things and many, many more make up the experience that everyone involved at Texas Lions Camp tries to give each and every camper. On camp, we emphasize the "can-do" attitude that says there isn't anything that these kids can't do. We teach life skills and independence and offer the opportunity for campers to do things they haven't done before whether it's tying their own shoes for the first time or riding a horse.

I applied to Texas Lions Camp on a whim. I was looking for a summer job so I wouldn't have to go home and work. Before I came here I had never met anyone who was blind or deaf. I had never experienced cerebral palsy and I didn't understand diabetes. I was entirely unprepared for what was about to happen to me. Texas Lions Camp changed my life. This is how a team is supposed to work and how people are supposed to treat each other. This is the attitude that we should all bring to our lives everyday. This is children overcoming adversity and rejection to teach everyone who lives and works at Texas Lions Camp what we are all capable of.

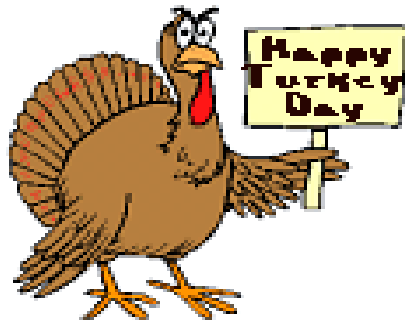
Texas Lions Camp gave me direction. Much to the dismay of my parents I had yet to choose a career path much less a major before I came to TLC. After my first summer, I was living and communicating with a population I never could before. I am now in my second year of sign language classes with plans to attend grad school at a deaf university in Washington, DC. I want to be an interpreter.

Texas Lions Camp gave me a summer, two summers now, that I will never forget. It's the hardest, fastest, most tiring, most amazing work I have ever done in my life. A TLC counselor works 24 hours a day, 6 days a week and every one of us will tell you – it's the most fun we have ever had. We wouldn't beg to return, summer after summer, if it wasn't perfect, complete, sustained happiness, the way these kids can make you feel.

But what camp has given me is nothing compared to what camp can do for these kids. It's hard to believe only hours ago I was walking along side a camper on her first horseback ride. And in that same day, that same camper gave herself her own insulin shot for the first time. It took 2 hours, a lot of pleading and begging and crying (on both our parts) and probably four different staff members, but today that child gets to tell her mom and dad that she can better manage her diabetes. A couple of weeks ago, on our way to the rock wall, a camper said to me that he couldn't climb the rock wall. When I asked him why not he told me, "I just can't." He did. My staff and I watched him climb all the way to the top. Everyday, anywhere you walk on camp there are a thousand of these moments.

This is what I get to do everyday. Help amazing, talented kids find out what they are capable of. And in return, I get to find out what I can do as well. When I return to the real world when summer ends and people ask me what I do, I tell them that kids change my life for a living. It's the most accurate way to describe the miracle of Texas Lions Camp.

Someplace where people are challenged and tried and succeed at their most difficult goal, overcoming themselves. I am honored to be a camp counselor at Texas Lions Camp. It is the best thing I have ever done with my life. Something else you may not know about Texas Lions Camp – tomorrow is our last day. Tomorrow we all have to drive away from camp and return to our schools, jobs, lives and families. But what we are taking with us, campers and counselors alike, is worth the journey. Worth the time and the effort, worth the sweat and tears, worth every second we get to spend with these kids. I am blessed beyond imagination to get to live and work with amazing people and amazing kids. I owe you and your families a great deal of thanks, for your very large part in creating Texas Lions Camp. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.



The Holiday Season is Here – Ready or Not!

Every year when the Halloween decorations start showing up in the local Walgreens Drug Store, it sends us all an exciting subliminal message. The holidays are about to descend upon us. After the little witches, ghosts and goblins leave their dirty tricks on our doorsteps, like it or not, bells will be jingling soon. So, you better get ready. My family has already decided where Thanksgiving will be held this year. In fact, we started planning in July! As usual, I will be stuck with the cleaning before and after, as I seem to draw the short straw every year. Maybe I just have less clutter in my home, a larger dining table, or just a more central location. Either way, I get the dubious “honors” again.

I love Thanksgiving because I get to show off my once-a-year cooking talents. I get to wear myself out again beating up on some butternut squash. My great aunt loves the soup I make every year. I get excited about making the soup until I remember how hard it was to peel that squash last year! One of my aunts makes the best pecan and pumpkin pies. If she mass-produced them, we could all retire! Another aunt coming from Bakersfield brings the boxes of Dewar’s candy. It’s the best taffy-style candies anywhere. (Peanut butter is my favorite flavor).

Every year there is talk about us “frying” up a whole turkey. By the time the actual day arrives, the uncle responsible for the cooking supplies is either lost in college football, or off at Fry’s browsing through the latest computer offerings. Most of my uncles are engineers – translation: nerds. Anyway, the older women throw on the martyr robes and start dressing the turkeys. My Mom’s contribution is her oyster dressing. Now, I have eaten a lot of different kinds of dressings in my day, but nobody does it like “my mama!” Nobody!

The meal is ALWAYS over the top. There is usually enough left over food to feed the overflow crowd at the George R. Brown Thanksgiving Feast. I guess the best part comes after the meal when the Tryptophan kicks in and all the kids fall asleep. That’s when full-contact Canasta begins for the adults. All us cousins joust about around the card table as the older set throws down for some Mexican Train – double 12 dominoes. I prefer the Canasta because we all remember from year to year who the champ is. It’s usually me. The domino players are usually much more genteel. They are more about visiting with loved ones and enjoying stories about retirement, vacations and grandchildren’s activities.

Anyway, at the end of the day, before we draw names for the Christmas present exchange, we do take a moment to reflect on the past year and give thanks for all our many blessings. This year, I suspect we will all be thankful for having each other, what’s left of our retirement accounts, and for some, simply the power back on in our homes. Many of us locally were so terribly affected by the hurricane in September. I will thank God for my safety, and for the safety of my friends and that of our friends in the Lions family community.



Once again, it's time for Annual
"Christmas Toy Drive"
Sponsored by
District 2-S2 Lions and Constable Ron Hickman's Office

Please help by sponsoring a child this Christmas. Klein Lions Club, Lion Lynn Harrison will be at the November 5th, President & Secretary Council meeting with the cards.

Throughout the year, the Pct. 4 Victim Assistance/Domestic Violence Division works with families who need help to ensure their children receive a gift at Christmas. We also work with the Harris County Community Youth Specialists who are in the local schools. They provide us with the names of families who are also in need of a little help at Christmas.

This card needs to be taped to your returned gift.

Please do not wrap the gift.

Types of gifts and wishes from the kids include:

Gift Certificates from Bookstores, Theatres, Fast Food, Clothing, Music stores
CD Players/electronics
Watches, jewelry, bath and body items, makeup kits
Toys (age appropriate)

Collection Site

President & Secretary Council Meeting
December 3, 2008

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

Any Club with a classified type ad may advertise their need or project for FREE. All such information must be submitted to Lion Judy Champion by the 10th of the month. jwalley@flash.net or calling 281 442 9707

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The Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the
United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WHERE LIONS MEET
BE PRESENT LORD.
TO WELD OUR HEARTS IN
ONE ACCORD.
TO DO THY WILL,
LORD MAKE US STRONG.
TO AID THE WEAK AND
RIGHT THE WRONG.



*"Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one state under God,
one and indivisible."*

(Face the Texas flag person's right hand over the heart.)

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Next PSC Meeting
November 5, 2008

**** CHINA BEAR ****

15000 I-45 North

Dinner 6:00 P.M. Meeting 7:00 P.M.

The President and Secretary Council
meeting is held at the

CHINA BEAR RESTAURANT

located at 15000 I-45 North

On the northbound feeder road, exit Airtex, both
ways.

The cost for the buffet is \$13.00 per person,
including tax and gratuity.

The food is buffet-style, of Chinese, American and
Mexican food.

There are desserts galore
and more than one ice cream machine.



We Serve

2008-2009 OFFICERS

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District Governor

Charles "Chuck" Martin
Vice District Governor

PDG Margaret Badeaux
Cabinet Secretary

Paul Eads
Cabinet Treasurer

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